(iv) Launch of the foodgrains based on Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY).

(v) Allocation of foodgrains under the Food for Work and the Special Component of the SGRY Programme.

(vi) Encouragement to Exports.

(d) and (e) Wheat and rice are being supplied to BPL (including AAY) families at highly subsidized rates at less than 50% of the economic cost. The rate of issue to AAY families is Rs. 3/- per kg. for rice and Rs. 2/- per kg. for wheat. The level of issue of foodgrains has been increased to 35 kg. for BPL and AAY families *w.e.f.* 01.04.2002.

Higher value for buffer stock of sugar

977. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sugar industry is demanding higher value for its buffer stock than the actual open market price;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No such representation has been received by this Ministry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Marketing of sub-standard products

978. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Top brands pass on sub-standard soaps says study", which appeared in the "Deccan Chronicle" dated the 27th January, 2003;